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Look out for #1!

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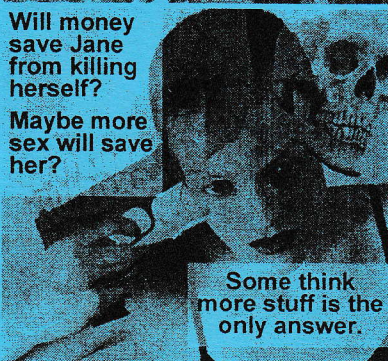
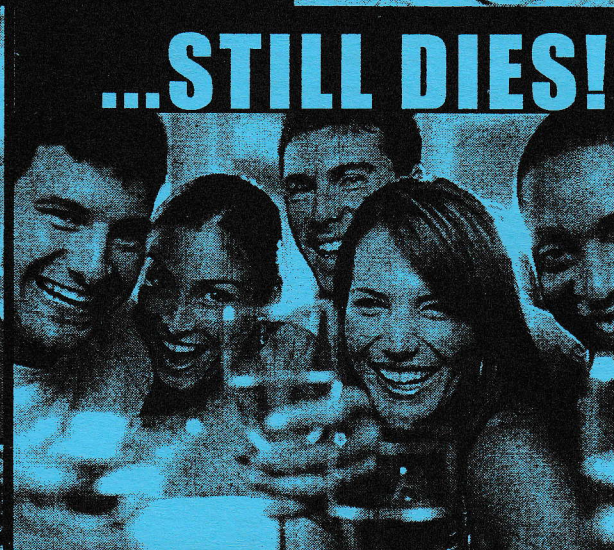
What really matters?

What Gives
You
Meaning?

I matter, right?
Me first!

HE WHO DIES WITH THE MOST TOYS...

...STILL DIES!



Will money
save Jane
from killing
herself?

Maybe more
sex will save
her?

Some think
more stuff is the
only answer.



Money and houses are useless to the dead.

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MATTHEW 7:24-25



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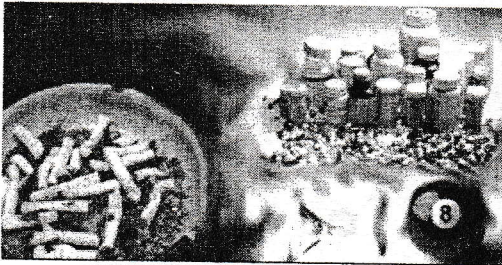
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Not Everything Is Good For You?

I know you're thinking it--"*Christians are such purists; they can't drink, smoke and certainly they're missing out on a lot of great sex.*" I know you're thinking it because the majority of all believers in Jesus Christ whom you know once thought the exact same way. We lived for the exact same parties, looked forward to each night we could spend in oblivion, only to wake up in some strange bed. We lived to satisfy some longing to feel different than the way we were, and it

→ **We lived for the exact same parties, looked forward to each night we could spend in oblivion, only to wake up in some strange bed.**

didn't matter what was involved. So why do we live a life separate from these things now? Is it because we have all of a sudden become shining examples of human beings wearing white starched collars and ribbons in our hair? I beg to differ. We accepted the fact that Jesus died to *free* us from

the bondage of sin in our lives. As a result, we were able to truly leave it

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in the past and move forward. You see, there is *freedom* in Jesus, not bondage. We are not sad or oppressed by the fact that the Bible says not to be drunk, and we don't feel deprived by the fact that God has told us to wait to have sex until we're

married. Why is that?

These following passages from the Bible in the book of First

Corinthians are an awesome explanation for the joy and freedom that comes from living God's way. If you have a family who loves you deeply, they probably guided you as you were growing up and told you to stay away from things that were dangerous or harmful. You were still

free to go ahead and touch that blazing hot burner on the stove, but you could

have saved yourself the oozing blister if you would have taken your parents' advice.

These are the instructions that God gives to His children about the reasons for doing things His way:

"You may say, 'I am allowed to do anything.' But I reply, 'Not everything is good for you.' And even though 'I am allowed to do anything,' I must not become a slave to anything. You say 'Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food,' This is true although someday God will do away with both of them. But our bodies were not made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies...Run away from sexual sin, no other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body, or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a

high price. So you must honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (NLT)

Human beings are famous for

yourself to leave those things behind.

We must realize that Jesus was sent here to earth for that very reason.

God's way is not stingy or tight-

There are two solutions. There is a *temporary* fix for our desires when we immediately gratify them with the things this world can offer, such as relationships, success, or being drugged. This might be fun for a little while, but only for a while, until we are left empty, abandoned, and strung out. However, there is a *permanent* fix for every longing of our heart found in the person of Jesus Christ and the love of God, who is the perfect father.

"For he has gathered the exiles from many lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in the desert, lost and homeless. Hungry and thirsty, they nearly died. "Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he rescued them from their distress. He led them straight to safety, to a city where they could live. Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for all his wonderful deeds to them. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalms 107:4-9 (NLT)

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God is saying something like this,

"Yep, but I love you and want to make

your life incredible. If you never listen

to what I'm saying, you'll never know

true freedom." Many of us who are

Christians now have experienced the

terrible feeling of being empty and

alone in our pasts after having a

sexual relationship with

someone, accomplishing

some great academic or

physical feat, or after

taking a drug that was

supposed to be so great.

It was that very same

"Now what?" feeling that led us to

Jesus. That feeling was not

"freedom," and we don't want to

return to that emptiness. The fullness

of life found in Jesus is what we are

now experiencing, and this same

fullness is offered to everyone! The

"way out" of being controlled by our

desire to fill our lives with things that

destroy us is to accept the fact that

you need something more than

laced. He has lavished His love upon

us, giving us instructions for living

that we are empowered to carry out

with joy when we accept Jesus into

our lives and become filled with his

Holy Spirit.

"For all have sinned and fall short

of God's glorious standard. Yet now

God in his gracious kindness

→ God is saying something like this, "Yep, but I love you and want to make your life incredible."

declares us not guilty. He has done

this through Christ Jesus who has

freed us by taking away our sins."

Romans 3:24 (NLT)

"Oh what joy for

those whose

disobedience is forgiven,

whose sins are put out of sight. Yes

what joy for those whose sin is no

longer counted against them by the

Lord." Psalms 32:1-2 (NLT)

→ God's way is not stingy or tight-laced.

In Him there is forgiveness and freedom from the sin that can waste our lives away. What do you really want?

WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?



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"I model my life after my mom who battled cancer for 9 years because she stayed really strong through it."

—Maria Batt



"My dad because he was the first one in his family to go to college, and I'm the first one among my siblings to attend a four year university."

—Katie Triphan



"I model my life after my dad and God because they both inspire me to be a better person."

—Chris Goodman



"My parents because they were good role models for me while I was growing up, and they taught me good morals and values for my life."

—Jamie Kaeding

Q: Who do you model your life after, and why?



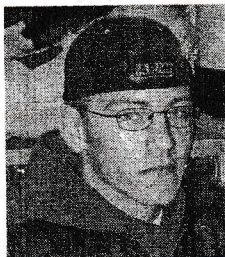
"I don't know, I guess I like Jack White, a blues guitarist from the band The White Stripes, because he's a really talented musician."

—Dustin Christiansen



"I model my life after my grandma because she inspired me to take care of children. She was really there to take care of my brothers and sisters and I while we were growing up."

—Jillian Tiegen



"My grandpa because he's filthy rich and does whatever he wants because he's retired now."

—Kyle Gruber



"Rob Zombie because he's an interesting man who works hard and parties hard and likes to rock 'n roll!"

—Brent Kelly

A: Who do you model your life after?

That's a thinker. The funny thing is that everyone models their life after someone else or maybe even many different people, but often we don't stop to think about who and why. A list of reasons for respecting and emulating certain people might contain attributes such as wealth, fame, a good sense of humor, success, talent, beauty, power, intellect, kindness, strength of character, generosity, etc. Now picture a plain looking man with no money and no home, wandering from town to town, sometimes followed by large crowds, but spending most of his time with a small group of close friends. He was not known as a great intellect or philosopher, and he held no political power. Many people who met him openly mocked him and disregarded or belittled everything he said. Judging strictly by these things, it's hard to imagine why anyone would follow him, so why is it that many look passionately to Jesus Christ as the singular model for the way they live?

First, the Bible explains that Jesus is more than just someone to look up to for principles for living a good life, rather he is the way to life!

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one can come to the Father except through me...’” (John 14:6 NLT)

By his life among us on Earth, his death to pay for sin of which he was not guilty, and then his being raised to life again by God, Jesus bridges the gap. He is the one who comes between us humans, who are full of sin and far from God, and God who loves us so much. Jesus is also incredible because he is God and at the same time he humbled himself to become a human and live here among us. In this way he shows us that he went through all the same temptations, struggles, sorrows, and joys as we do, but through it all he never sinned and he remained strong.

“Therefore, it was necessary for Jesus to be in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful High Priest before God. He could then offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Since he himself has gone through suffering and temptation, he is able to help us when we are being tempted.” (Hebrews 2:17-18 NLT)

What an awesome example! We can look to the way Jesus lived whenever we feel like nobody can relate to all

the tragic things that come with being alive. He didn't cling to his rights as God, but remained beautifully humble and chose to experience life like we do, with all its ups and downs.

Consider this analogy; the Bible says all things were created through Jesus:

“In the beginning the Word, (Jesus)*, already existed. He was with God, and he was God. He was in the beginning with God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn't make. Life itself was in him, and this life gives light to everyone. The light shines through the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.” (John 1:1-5) *parenthesis added

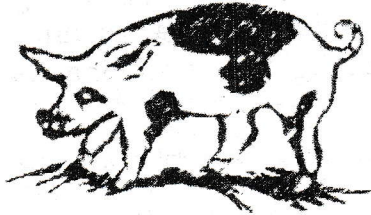
Now picture Jesus dying a shameful, criminal's death by hanging from nails up on a cross. He was totally dehydrated due to loss of blood and being deprived of anything to drink. He simply said, “I thirst,” yet no one gave him any water. The previous verse tells us that this is the very same Jesus who created water, yet he chose suffering instead of quenching his thirst. Why did he do this? He did it out of love for you, and for everyone. We can look to Jesus as our model for life because he did *everything* it takes for us to be right with God and to have a personal friendship with Him.

Jesus proved that he was God while he was here on earth by healing many people miraculously, teaching about God with authority and love, and by fulfilling every prophecy in the Jewish law about what the Son of God (the Messiah) would be like and what he would do. These works of Jesus are incredible and teach us his character of love and forgiveness. He came as a servant and served us to his very death. Consider this passage about who Jesus is:

“There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. He was despised and rejected--a man of sorrows, acquainted with the bitterest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised and we did not care. Yet it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins. But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped and we were healed! All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the guilt and sins of us all... From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people realized that he was dying for their sins--that he was suffering their punishment?” (Isaiah 53: 2-8 NLT)

Following Jesus is the way to true life! By his death he proved how great his love is for us, and provides us with the greatest model of all.

OLD MAN MUD



A man was walking in mud. It was thick and deep, well above his ankles... almost to his knees, and it sucked at his boots pulling them off from time to time. The man had been walking in this mud for all of his life. Never was there a time when he had not been walking in it. Mud was all that the man knew. He walked in it day after day, he ate it, he slept in it, he breathed it in through his nose and out of his mouth. It was in his hair and on his beard. It filled his boots and plugged his ears. **Dried mud was crusted around his eyes so that he could hardly see. The man was in the mud and the mud was in him, they were inseparable.** He had long ago forgotten his name, so he just thought of himself as "mud."

The man named "mud" walked in one direction through a destitute land filled with terrible mud. The landscape was boggy and dead, and the muddy path on which he traveled continued

on forever. Old Man Mud walked along that same path continuously from sunrise to sunset, eating mud along the way, never stopping until dusk when he would sink into the bog and sleep. Nothing ever changed for the man, and his life was dreadfully monotonous. **He continued on along the same muddy path because it was all he had ever known, and he was convinced his life couldn't be better.**

In the seventh month of his seventy-seventh year, the old man was walking and **for the first time in his long, tired life, he began wondering if this was all that there was.** He was beginning to think that there could be a greater purpose to his walking on this path. He wondered how he had gotten on the trail and when exactly he had begun to walk... **he wondered how to get off the trail, and when exactly his walk would end.**

As he walked and wondered, **a figure approached him and came close beside Old Man Mud so that he stood just at his side.** Old Man Mud was startled at this because he wasn't able to see very well and the figure came up quickly. Old Man Mud could vaguely see that the figure was cleaner than he was and very graceful in the mud, as if he weren't in the mud at all, nor the mud in him...

they were separate.

The figure stood up beside the old man, whispered some things into his plugged ear, and handed him a pouch with something in it before he quickly vanished. The old man stared blankly into the pouch for a moment but was unable to recognize the contents because of the mud in his eyes. Old Man Mud walked on.

For many days he continued along the path walking and thinking of the words the figure had spoken. **As he pondered these things in his heart, it began to rain.** It was a drenching rain that came down very, very hard, but it was warm and comfortable. **It washed away the mud from his hair and beard, it unplugged his ears, it opened his eyes, and it cleansed him thoroughly.** **The man looked at once into the mysterious pouch he was carrying to find that it was filled with pearls as big as marbles.** Unsure of what to do with them, he continued walking and noticed that he was sharing the path with many others. He noticed how dirty they still were regardless of the rain that covered him. He looked closer to find that the rain was not falling on them at all, but that it was following him wherever he went. He saw how crusted over their eyes had become and how they couldn't see very well. The others were very unaware of his presence. **He drew near to a woman to see if some of the rain might touch her and wash the mud out of her eyes, but as close as he stood, the rain wouldn't**

fall on her. He found that no matter how close he got, she remained untouched by the rain and filthy dirty while the rain continued to fall on himself. He drew closer than he should have and startled her. She didn't know that anyone was on the same path as she was, and she was very surprised and frightened to learn otherwise. When she cried out in fear, **the old man apologized to her and quickly offered her a pearl.** The woman accepted it and hurried off. Old Man Mud continued on and after a few mucky steps, he turned to see that **the rain had begun to fall on that very same woman.**

Old Man Mud approached another man and without introduction or hesitation **drew a pearl from his pouch and gave it to him.** The rain fell on them both, so they shook hands with excitement and gave thanks and congratulations.

Old Man Mud hurried along giving pearls to anyone he saw, trudging back and forth along the trail distributing pearls and bringing rain. No matter how many pearls he handed out, his pouch remained full. He did this for many years and then **he met a sow.** She came plowing along in the mud until she sensed the presence of someone else and stopped and tried to smell around for him. She was dirty and

up to her belly in thick, thick mud. **The man took pity on her and tried to hand her a pearl, but the sow had no hands to receive it.** The old man was so desperate to help her that he tried to feed her one of the pearls, but she wasn't interested in eating it. Finally, he threw the pearl down on top of the mud in front of her hoping that it would bring the rain down on her filthy body. Nothing changed, so he threw another pearl in front of her, just next to the first, and still the rains wouldn't come.

Old Man Mud became frustrated that she was to remain dirty in spite of his generosity with these precious pearls. He felt it was unfair that it should rain on some but not on others. He wanted with all his heart to open the heavens and make the rain rinse the dirt off of this poor sow. He became foolish in his frustration and threw many valuable pearls in front of the sow, trying his best to make the rain fall on her. Old Man Mud stood and watched for a moment, but she didn't even seem to understand that she had company. **The sow gave a bit of a grunt and then continued on, tramping the pearls deep into the mud.** She moved along slowly and **the rain never touched her...**not so much as a drop fell upon her head.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

STREET LEVEL IS A UWSTOUT CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

"Where two or more are gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

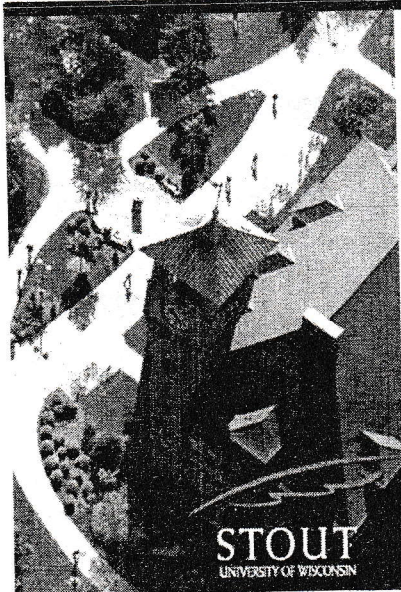
MATTHEW 18:20

STREETLEVEL ON-CAMPUS BIBLE STUDY

Monday Nights
7:00pm

IN:

The Northwoods Room
Memorial Student Center
UW-STOUT



- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-STEVENS POINT, 8 P.M.
MEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-STEVENS POINT, 6 P.M.
- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**
GYMNASTICS AT UW-WHITEWATER, 7 P.M.
HOCKEY VS. ST. SCHOLASTICA, 7:30 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**
M & W TRACK HOST UW-STOUT OPEN, NOON
MEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-PLATTEVILLE, 5 P.M.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-PLATTEVILLE, 7 P.M.
HOCKEY AT UW-SUPERIOR, 7 P.M.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**
MEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-SUPERIOR, 7 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-SUPERIOR, 7 P.M.
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
M & W TRACK HOST UW-STOUT PENTANGULAR OPEN, 4 P.M.
GYMNASTICS HOSTS UW-EAU CLAIRE, UW-LA CROSSE, 7 P.M.
HOCKEY VS. LAKE FOREST, 7:30 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
M & W TRACK HOST WARREN BOWLUS OPEN, 12 P.M.
HOCKEY VS. ST. NORBERT, 7:30 P.M.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UW-LA CROSSE, 7 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UW-LA CROSSE, 7 P.M.
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
GYMNASTICS AT HAMLIN, 7 P.M.
HOCKEY AT UW-STEVENS POINT, 7 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
M & W TRACK AT BORDER BATTLE, ST. OLAF, NOON
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UW-OSHKOSH, 7 P.M.
MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UW-OSHKOSH, 5 P.M.
HOCKEY AT UW-EAU CLAIRE, 7 P.M.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
MEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-RIVER FALLS, 7 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
GYMNASTICS VS. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, 7 P.M.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT UW-RIVER FALLS, 7 P.M.
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
M & W TRACK HOST BLUE DEVIL OPEN, 4 P.M.
HOCKEY NCHA QUARTERFINALS AT HIGHEST SEED, TBA
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UW-WHITEWATER, 5 P.M.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UW-WHITEWATER, 7 P.M.
HOCKEY NCHA QUARTERFINALS AT HIGHEST SEED, TBA
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WIAC QUARTERFINALS AT HIGHEST SEED, 7 P.M.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
MEN'S BASKETBALL WIAC QUARTERFINALS AT HIGHEST SEED, 7 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WIAC SEMI-FINALS AT HIGHEST SEED, 7 P.M.
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
MEN'S BASKETBALL WIAC SEMI-FINALS AT HIGHEST SEED, 7 P.M.
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
W TRACK AT ST. OLAF INVITATIONAL, 4 P.M.
GYMNASTICS HOSTS JOHN ZUERLEIN INVITE, 6 P.M.
MEN'S BASKETBALL WIAC SEMI-FINALS AT HIGHEST SEED, 7 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**
M TRACK AT ST. OLAF INVITATIONAL, NOON
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HIGHEST SEED, 3 OR 7 P.M.
MEN'S BASKETBALL WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HIGHEST SEED, 7 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA FIRST ROUND, TBA
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 4**
MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA FIRST ROUND, TBA
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 5**
GYMNASTICS AT WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 6 P.M.
M & W TRACK HOST WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 10 A.M.

UW-STOUT
Athletic Calendar
JANUARY-MARCH

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 6**
M & W TRACK HOST WIAC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 10 A.M. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA SECOND ROUND, TBA, MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA SECOND ROUND, TBA, HOCKEY NCHA FINAL FOUR AT HIGHEST SEED, TBA
- **MARCH 5-13 SOFTBALL AT SPRINGBREAK TRIP, KISSIMMEE, GLA., TBA** BASEBALL AT SPRING BREAK TRIP, MISSOURI AND TEXAS, TBA
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 7**
SOFTBALL VS. PENN STATE-BEHREND, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 8:50 A.M.
SOFTBALL VS. THIEL, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 12:30 P.M.
HOCKEY NCHA FINAL FOUR AT HIGHEST SEED, TBA
- **MONDAY, MARCH 8**
SOFTBALL VS. ANDERSON, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 8:50 A.M.
SOFTBALL VS. OHIO WESLEYAN, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 12:30 P.M.
BASEBALL AT TEXAS LUTHERAN, SEGUIN, TEXAS, 2 P.M.
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 9**
BASEBALL AT TEXAS LUTHERAN, SEGUIN, TEXAS 2 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**
SOFTBALL VS. US COAST GUARD, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 2:20 P.M.
SOFTBALL VS. MUSKINGUM, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 4:10 P.M.
BASEBALL AT TRINITY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, 7 P.M.
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 11**
SOFTBALL VS. BALDWIN-WALLACE, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 2:20 P.M.
SOFTBALL VS. MT. UNION, KISSIMMEE, FLA., 4:10 P.M.
BASEBALL AT TRINITY, SAN ANTONIA, TEXAS, 7 P.M.
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 12**
GYMNASTICS AT WINONA STATE, 7 P.M.
M & W TRACK AT NCAA DIII CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHITEWATER, TBA
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA SECTIONALS, TBA
MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA SECTIONALS, TBA
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 13**
M & W TRACK AT NCAA DIII CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHITEWATER, TBA
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA SECTIONALS, TBA
MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA SECTIONALS, TBA
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 19**
GYMNASTICS AT NCGA REGIONALS, EAU CLAIRE, 6 P.M.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA
MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 20**
SOFTBALL AT SIMPSON COLLEGE TOURNEY, VS. WARTBURG, 11 A.M.; VS. ST. SCHOLASTICA, 5 P.M.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA
MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 21**
BASEBALL AT BRADLEY, PEORIA, ILL., 1 P.M.
SOFTBALL AT SIMPSON COLLEGE TOURNEY, V.S. SIMPSON, 11 A.M.; V.S. COE 3 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**
SOFTBALL AT AUGSBURG COLLEGE, 4 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 27**
BASEBALL AT WALDORF COLLEGE, FOREST CITY, IOWA, NOON
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 30**
SOFTBALL VS. ST. SCHOLASTICA, 3 P.M.
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**
BASEBALL AT UW-LA CROSSE, 1 P.M.

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Academic Calendar
JANUARY-MARCH

JANUARY 19TH
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DAY: NO CLASS

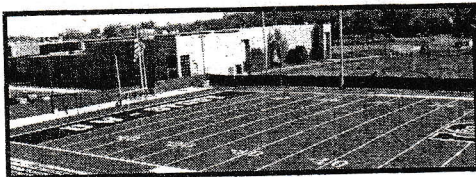
JANUARY 20TH
CLASSES BEGIN

MARCH 5TH
END OF 3RD
QUARTER

MARCH 6-14TH
SPRING BREAK

MARCH 15TH
4TH QUARTER
STARTS

MARCH 30TH
NO CLASSES:
ADVISEMENT
DAY



UW-STOUT & LOCAL

Adventures
SPRING SEMESTER

Local Area
UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 18—Jan. 24
Rock Climbing Wall Free
Hours:
Sun-Thur. 4pm-10pm
Fri. 2-9pm
Starting 3rd Quarter
Sat. 12-4pm

Movie Monday
First Monday of every month
watch classic outdoor movies
projected on a big screen in the
climbing wall.

Tue. Jan. 27 &
Wed. Feb. 11
Skate Skiing
Workshops
7pm
Meet at Red Cedar State Trail
Trailhead

Full Moon Cross
Country Skiing
Thur. Feb. 5 9pm
Meet at Red Cedar State Trail
Trailhead
(rent skis ahead of time)

Feb. 13-15
Porcupine Mtns. MI
Backcountry Skiing

Feb. 17 7-10 pm
Rock Climbing Tips and
Techniques

Feb. 22 1pm
Climbing Competition

March 6-15
Spring Break Trip
Sea Kayaking the
Gulf of Mexico, FL

April 2-4
Advanced Rock Climbing
Interstate Park

JAN. 30:
Candle Light Ski
Red Cedar State
Trail
6-9 pm

FEB. 7-8:
Prairie Storm
WSA Sanctioned
Snow Cross:
amateur races,
jumps, curves, and
radar races. 9-4pm

Followed by a
dance
Location:
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and Cty. Rd. B

FEB. 14:
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Mar. 19th—*Dumpstar*
Nu-Metal

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[jer 15:16 [your words were found and I ate them]

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. - Luke 24:39

Our Finite Universe

WHENCE OUR "REALITY"?

Most of us take our physical world for granted. To many, our physical world is all that is truly "real." But the more we learn from modern science, the more illusive and intangible our "reality" becomes.

We understand that the nucleus of a hydrogen atom is on the order of 10^{-13} cm., and that the radius of its electron's orbit is on the order of 10^{-8} cm.--a difference of 100,000 times. (If we were to make a model of that, making the nucleus the size of a pinhead, the electron would be a football field away!) Looking at this volumetrically, for every part of "matter," there are 10^{15} parts of "non-matter"! (That's about the same ratio of one minute to a billion years!) The atoms which make up the molecules of all physical things are *more empty than filled!*

One of the most significant discoveries of 20th century science has been the fact that our universe is not infinite, but finite. It had a beginning. That's what has led to the many conjectures making up the "Big Bang" models. We are asked to accept the explanation that "first there was nothing, and then it exploded..."

From thermodynamics we know that heat flows from warm bodies toward colder bodies. If the universe was infinitely old, it would be at a uniform temperature; it isn't. It is still cooling. It had a beginning. And it will have an end.

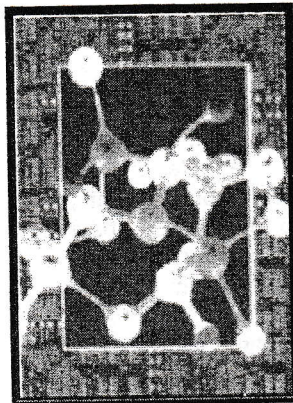
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But it is in the microcosm that we find the most disturbing discoveries. You would think that if we take any length, we could cut it in half, and then take a remainder and cut it in half, etc. At least theoretically, we assume this process could go on forever. However, we now discover that when we get down to 10^{-33} cm., it loses its "locality." We now understand that all matter, energy, and even time are made up of "quanta": *indivisible* units. (That's why they call this arena of study "quantum physics.") The "Planck length" is 10^{-33} cm.; the "Planck time," 10^{-43} sec.

So if matter is made up of so much "empty space," is it any wonder that neutrinos routinely pass through our entire world unnoticed? And then it isn't so difficult for us to imagine how our Lord Jesus Christ, in His resurrection body, was able to pass through walls--even though He was manifestly tangible, not just a "spirit":

So the astonishing discovery is that we exist within a finite boundary between the macrocosm of astronomy and the microcosm of quantum physics. In fact, we are in a *digital simulation!*



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There are some scholars that suspect that the original Creation was fractured as a result of the curse in Genesis 3, and that the four dimensions presently available to us which we call the "physical world" (three physical dimensions, plus time) are only a subset of a more comprehensive reality: the "spiritual" world.

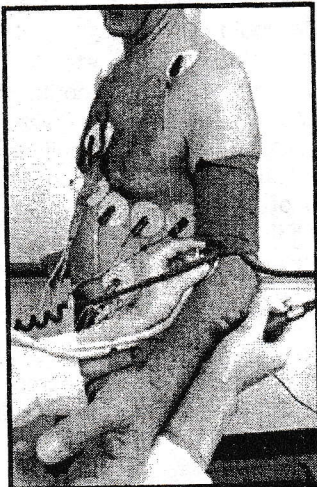
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Furthermore, the Second Law of Thermodynamics--the law of Entropy--may be what Paul refers to as the "Bondage of Decay" ² that the whole creation groans to be delivered from, which was also a result of the curse in Genesis 3. (Everything we know about the Creation is, of course, limited from our post-curse point of view.)

The Architecture of Man

It is significant that the real personality of man--both Mr. and Mrs. Man--call it "soul," "spirit," or whatever--is "software," not "hardware." The "real" you and I are simply resident in temporary bodies and are, hopefully, destined for an upgrade!



Just as the architecture of the software inside a computer cannot be inferred from observing its external behavior, neither can the architecture of our own internal software be adequately inferred from observing our behavior. The only way to comprehend the internal architecture is by consulting the Designer's handbook.³

If I take a blank computer disk and weight it on a scale, it will weigh about 0.7 oz. If I spend hundreds of dollars and load it with over a million bytes of software, it will still weigh 0.7 oz. Software has no mass. Although it may be resident in a physical system, it has no mass of its own. It can even be transmitted through the airwaves.

(The mass of my current residence has a bit too much mass, but that's another problem altogether...)

As we pointed out in our article last month, time is a *physical* property:

it varies with mass, acceleration, and gravity. Therefore, since software has no mass, it has no *time* dimension of its own. The real "you"--call it soul, spirit, or whatever--is eternal *whether you are saved or not*. That's the problem. Where will you spend your eternity?

Will you be qualified to spend your eternity in the presence of God? Or

The real "you"--

call it soul, spirit, or whatever-- is eternal whether you are saved or not. That's the problem. Where will you spend your eternity?

denied the presence of a Holy God?

The Reality of Hell

We don't like to think about the dark side of the "afterlife." But Jesus spoke more about hell than He did about heaven. He was emphatic that we really understand that we each have a very unpleasant destiny unless we respond to His instruction. And there will be a Final Judgment that will include an accounting of every detail

of our entire lives:

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. - Matthew 12:36

Preparing for the Ultimate Adventure

If we were anticipating being transferred to a foreign assignment, our desk would be littered with

So this isn't...

about "church" or "religion." It is about a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

brochures, books, and all the reliable information that we could find out about our anticipated destination. Yet you and I have an appointment that is more certain than any other fact of our existence.⁴ Have you done your homework on this most important assignment of your life?

We will definitely need special credentials for our forthcoming trip to avoid certain disaster--and the visas we will need are only granted on this side of the border! Are you ready to pass through that inevitable portal? There is no other priority in your life more urgent than this one.

The first act of religion was man's attempt to cover himself, but God taught him that he would be covered by the shedding of innocent blood.⁵ So this isn't about "church" or "religion." It is about a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.⁶

Don't spend your eternity counting the "if only's." Don't gamble your eternal destiny on the premise that the Bible is wrong. These issues and many more are covered in our briefing, *Heaven and Hell: What Happens When You Die?* The topics of creation, reality, and the nature of time are also explored in our verse-by-verse commentary of the

Book of Genesis, beginning January 19th. Sign up for K-

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This is part two of a series called Whence Our "Reality"? by Chuck Missler originally published in the December 2003 Personal Update NewsJournal.

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1. This is exemplified in some of the science fiction stories such as the movie, *The Thirteenth Floor*, in which a group of scientists create a virtual world populated with virtual people, only to discover that they themselves are in precisely the same predicament.
2. Romans 8:21,22.
3. Hebrews 4:12.
4. Hebrews 9:27.
5. Genesis 3:7, 21.
6. Matthew 7:21-23.



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Are You *Hot* Enough?

ontrary to popular opinion, a person's "hotness" isn't made up of what you might commonly think. To find out exactly where your fire, or lack of it, comes from, circle your answers (honestly!) to the following questions. Tally them up at the bottom and read on to find out how even the most frigid folks can turn a tiny flame into a raging blaze!

1. When I want to quit a bad habit, I...
 - a. just embrace it, I'll quit someday, but right now quitting sucks.
 - b. try over and over to quit, continuously telling myself and others how much I want to quit.
 - c. have been given the strength to leave the habit behind and I stay away from the temptation to keep up the habit.
2. When I mess up (big time!) in a situation, my reaction is to...
 - a. know that I am forgiven, and then seek forgiveness from anyone that I've hurt.
 - b. try to forget about it; the guilt will go away soon.
 - c. feel guilty for a while, not really knowing how to fix stuff.

3. When I think about my future...
 - a. I hope I can have a good job, a family, and live comfortably.
 - b. I know that there is a perfect plan for my life, even if I'm not quite sure what it is right now.
 - c. I worry about what will happen, but I try not to think too much about it.
4. The tightest bonds between my friends and I are...
 - a. that we've known each other forever and/or live close to each other and have the same interests.
 - b. eternal. We're all really different and don't have much in common, except the one thing that is most important to all of us.
 - c. the crazy stuff that we do together. There are so many stories that we can tell about people doing insane stuff, or just barely escaping from getting into trouble.

5. I am generally...
 - a. at peace. My life has purpose and is exciting. Even though things can get really tough, there's joy in the middle of even the toughest times.
 - b. restless. I like to keep things interesting. I always want to keep moving when I get bored with where I am.
 - c. pretty happy. My life is centered around friends, my boyfriend or girlfriend, my family, and my future career.
6. When something tragic or unexpected happens, I deal with it by...
 - a. trying not to lose hope, wanting to be strong and just hanging in there.
 - b. numbing myself in the best way I can find at that moment, then trying to deal with the situation later.
 - c. knowing that there *is* hope and a purpose for this difficult thing in my life. I grieve but am comforted.

A person's "hotness" isn't made up of what you might commonly think

7. When I think about death and the fact that I will die someday...

- a. I laugh. Maybe they will plant a tree and fertilize it with my ashes or dump me in the ocean. I just want to have fun while I am still alive and make the most out of it.
- b. It is sort of unsettling. I don't like to think about it, and hopefully I can stay healthy and live a long life. Maybe by then it will make more sense and I'll be more prepared for death.
- c. I know for certain what will happen, and I am not afraid.

8. I am...

- a. a good person. I do kind things for others and I respect people.
- b. a jerk, and I don't care. When people act like idiots I have to say *something!*
- c. a jerk who is weak and lost, but that's all been taken care of and now my life has been transformed into something completely different.

So, what does it really mean to be hot? Jesus talks about it in Revelations, chapter 3, verses 15-21, saying...

"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were one or the other! But since you are lukewarm water, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' and you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich... I am the one who corrects and disciplines everyone I love. Be diligent and turn from your indifference. Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends. I will invite everyone who is

Answer Key: Count the amount of points for each answer, then... Add 'em up!

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| 1. a—3 | 5. a—1 |
| b—2 | b—3 |
| c—1 | c—2 |
| 2. a—1 | 6. a—2 |
| b—3 | b—3 |
| c—2 | c—1 |
| 3. a—2 | 7. a—3 |
| b—1 | b—2 |
| c—3 | c—1 |
| 4. a—2 | 8. a—2 |
| b—1 | b—3 |
| c—3 | c—1 |

Write your answers here!

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

victorious to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my father on his throne."*

Jesus defines being hot as having victory in our lives by accepting Him as the payment for our jerkiness and allowing Him to come into our hearts when he knocks. This includes loving him first and above everything else in life, following his leading while we are alive, and obeying him out of love. Everyone wants to be associated with the people in this world who appear to have "won" in their lives. These are the people who are hot at the moment; the best athletes, artists, musicians, actors, etc. The problem with these victories is that they don't last. True heat lasts a long time, and Jesus is offering eternal victory, both here on earth and then forever with him in heaven.

Check out your results on the next page...

The Results...

8 points: Hot

Yep, you're a hottie. All of the answers you chose deal with freedoms only Jesus can produce such as forgiveness, purpose, peace, hope, and eternity in heaven. The challenge for you is to remain diligent. The apostle Paul, who gave up his life to follow Jesus, had this advice for his friend, Timothy:

"Fight the good fight for what we believe. Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:12) Jesus warns against becoming comfortable or complacent. True fire comes from him, so keep reading his words in the Bible to fuel the flames! The prophet Jeremiah talks about this passion:

"And I can't stop. If I say I'll never mention the Lord or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire." (Jeremiah 20:9)

9-18 points: Lukewarm

If you've been feeling a little tepid lately, you might be losing your passion by riding the fence. By always staying where it's comfortable you might not get burned, but you'll miss out on all the great adventures God has planned for your life. Jesus says that we should save up treasures that produce something eternal:

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be." (Matthew 6:19-21)

It's not hard to turn warm into hot! Lasting heat comes from a friendship with Jesus, and not from your efforts to gain all that the world offers you. To learn more about a personal relationship with Jesus, read the book of John in the Bible. It talks about the personality and love of Jesus and how passionate he is!

18-24 points: cold

"Everything's cool", you say. Right now you probably think you're getting by just fine, and your life is fairly under control. All this talk about sin and needing to know Jesus may sound silly and fanatical. You simply don't want anything to do with it. The truth is, without Jesus, we all spend our lives trying to gratify ourselves, being full of pride, thinking we can make it just fine on our own. The end of all this is not only emptiness here on earth, but eternal separation from God due to a hardened and bitter heart. In Jesus there is freedom to let go and let Him carry your burdens, but it requires humbling yourself before God and admitting you need a Savior.

"Don't you realize that friendship with this world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy this world, you can't be a friend of God... So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you." (James 4:4, 7-8)

God is waiting to draw you in with open arms and to show you His amazing plan for your life. Let Him blow your mind!

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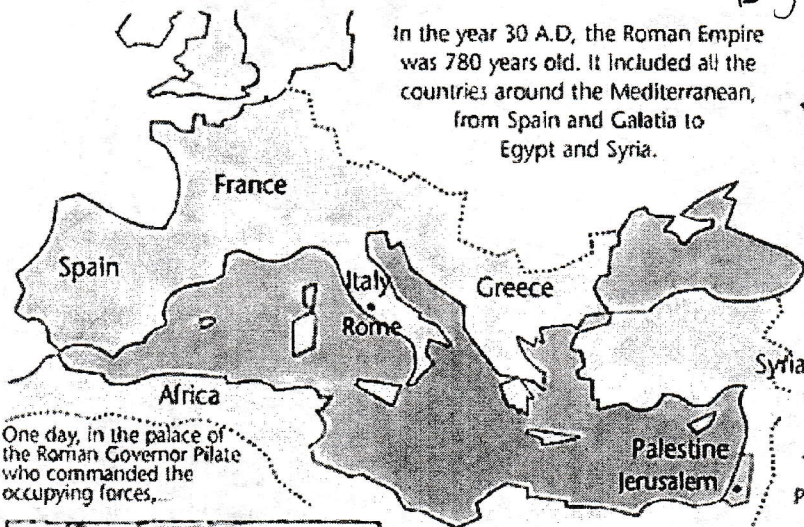
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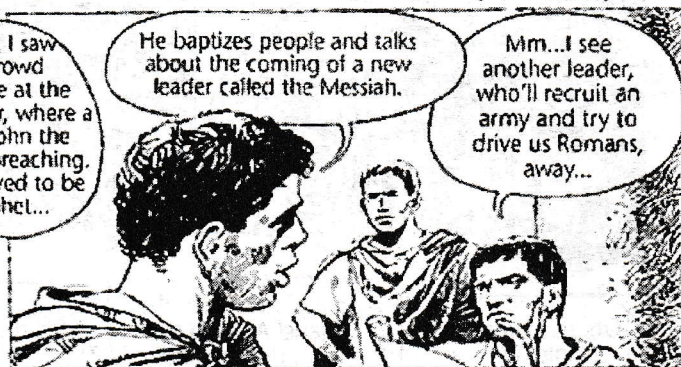
...located in Jerusalem; which was the capital of Judea in Palestine, and belonged to the Roman province of Syria.

One day, in the palace of the Roman Governor Pilate who commanded the occupying forces,...



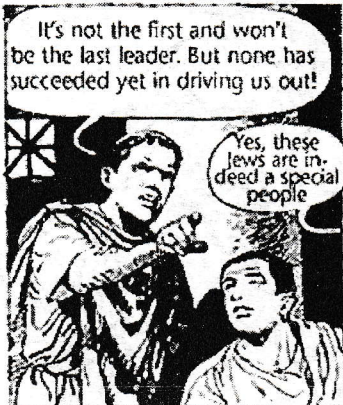
Captain, what kind of news do you have in your weekly report?

Governor, I saw a large crowd of people at the Jordan river, where a certain John the Baptist is preaching. He's believed to be a prophet...



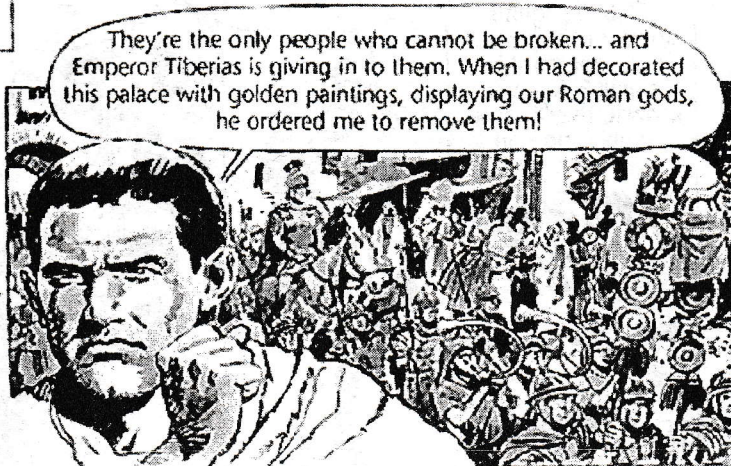
He baptizes people and talks about the coming of a new leader called the Messiah.

Mm...I see another leader, who'll recruit an army and try to drive us Romans, away...



It's not the first and won't be the last leader. But none has succeeded yet in driving us out!

Yes, these Jews are indeed a special people



They're the only people who cannot be broken... and Emperor Tiberias is giving in to them. When I had decorated this palace with golden paintings, displaying our Roman gods, he ordered me to remove them!

To these Jews this meant desecrating their holy city. Any pictures of their God are strictly forbidden. All our symbols, related to our Roman Empire are

considered blasphemous. Therefore, they made a complaint to Emperor Tiberias... and they won the case!

They're a difficult people to rule. My job as governor here in Jerusalem is the most unpleasant one in the whole empire!

That's right. These Jewish people are the only ones in the whole empire who don't have to worship our Roman gods!

They don't have to work on the Sabbath day and they're also permitted to refuse entry to their Temple to all non-Jewish people under the pretense of being a chosen people.

Oh, this Jerusalem temple! What a nightmare! When 200,000 pilgrims arrive for the Jewish feasts, one must be careful! Before you know it, they'll cause trouble and start a riot.

We're watching their movements from the Citadel Antonia and can prevent any trouble in time.

Allright, captain. Watch this Jordan river situation closely and keep me informed...

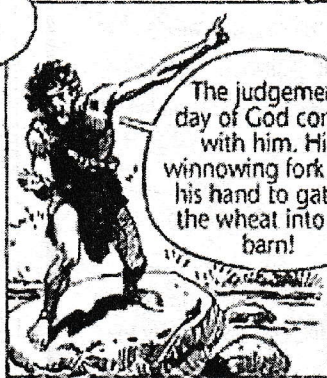
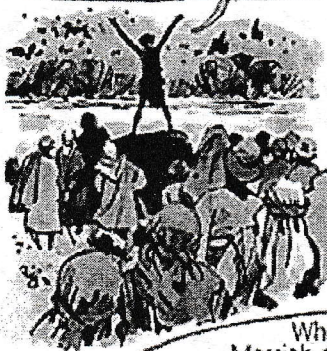
I'm going there myself. I know the Jewish authorities are also wondering about this John the Baptist; they intend to make an investigation of their own...

The following day, at the Jordan river.

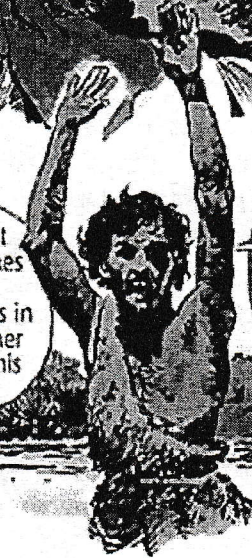


This prophet from the desert really attracts a lot of people... Let's find out why.

Listen, all of you: Good News! The Messiah, the Christ has come! He will soon reveal himself and appear in public...



The judgement day of God comes with him. His winnowing fork is in his hand to gather the wheat into his barn!



But he'll burn the chaff with unquenchable fire! Prepare the way and remove all obstacles and make a straight way for him.

What? Has the Messiah come? He'll drive away the Romans!

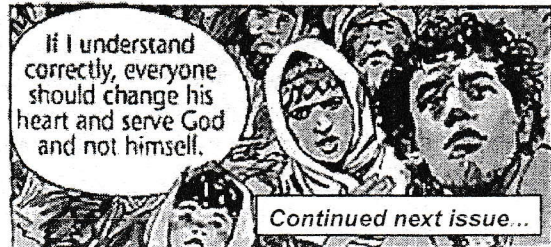
Liberation at last! The Golden Age shall soon begin!

We haven't had a man of God like John the Baptist for a long time.

He leads the hard life of the prophets of old... He wears clothing made of camel hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He eats roasted locusts and wild honey.



If I understand correctly, everyone should change his heart and serve God and not himself.



Continued next issue...

BASED ON THE TRUE STORY

The God-Man
Dying for Life



Beatnik's Corner

The Merchant

A body died of crooked knees,
and people came to see her,
friends and neighbors, mom and pop,
the parson and the preacher.

The merchant came to sell her wig,
her sandals and her shirt,
her fingernails, her golden tooth, her
stockings and her skirt.

Alas, the merchant sold her soul,
an angel came to buy it.

The devil can't afford such things,
and knows to never mind it.

The merchant left the funeral parlor,
pockets overflowing,
believing he was justified, but never
really knowing.

A body died of blistered skin,
and people came for moaning,
agreeing what a shame it was to die
without a warning.

The merchant came to sell his pants,
his pocket watch and beard,
his walking stick, his silver tooth,
the dirt behind his ears.

Alas, the merchant sold his soul,
an angel came to buy it.

The devil can't afford such things,
and knows to never mind it.

The merchant left the funeral parlor,
pockets overflowing.

believing he was justified,
but never really knowing.

A body died of boiled
brains,
and people came for prayer,
confiding in each other saying life
is never fair.

The merchant came to sell her
bracelets, buckles, boots,
and belts,

her hazel eyes and wooden tooth,
her panties and her pelt.

Alas, the merchant sold her soul,
an angel came to buy it.

The devil can't afford such things,
and knows to
never mind it.

The merchant left the funeral
parlor, pockets overflowing,
believing he was justified, but
never really knowing.

The merchant died of wretched
greed,

but no one came to see him.
No one came to buy his things,
for no one really needs them.

With no one there to sell his soul,
no angels came to buy it,
so the devil took it far away where
angels cannot find it.

The devil left the funeral parlor,
pockets overflowing.....

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The Only Thing That Matters

What is it we ask? What does matter in life? Many of us spend our whole lives trying to figure that out, only to die coming no closer to the answer than when we were born. Is it family? Finding that perfect job? Falling in love with the perfect person? Or is it just living the way we want to live and doing what we want to do? We all try to find our meaning in different ways and many of us claim to have figured it out. The problem is that once we have found this meaning, it can all be lost in an instant. No one thing of this world is guaranteed to last. What happens when we lose our job, our relationship falls apart, or worse?

I know, without any doubt, that **Jesus Christ** is the only one who will bring any sort of lasting meaning to my life. Before you throw this article across the room into the garbage, let me tell you why I feel this way. I never had a particular life-changing event that made me turn to Christ, although many people do. However, one of the things I would share about my relationship with Christ is the way he has always been around for me, even when I didn't acknowledge Him or even care that He was there. Everything in my life has changed at some point or another, but the one thing that has always made a difference is that Jesus has been there whenever I screwed up, felt lost, felt alone, or was just confused. He has done more for me than I could have ever imagined. How about you? Are you looking for the meaning of life? Have you come up empty so far? I have found out that Jesus alone is the way, the truth, and the life. Ask him to show you.

PEOPLE OUR AGE DIE ALL OF THE TIME. LOOK AT A CURRENT NEWSPAPER. I DON'T SAY THIS TO DEPRESS YOU OR SCARE YOU. I SAY THIS TO BRING TO THE FOREFRONT OF YOUR MIND THE REALITY THAT WE ALL NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR: EVERYONE DIES. I AM NOT GOING TO TRY TO SHOVE MY BELIEF IN THE BIBLE OR JESUS ON YOU, BUT, SINCE I DO BELIEVE THE BIBLE HOLDS THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS AND THE LOVE YOU SO DESPERATELY LONG FOR, I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO KEEP SILENT. JESUS DOES LOVE YOU AND YOU CAN BE SURE OF WHERE YOU ARE GOING WHEN YOU DIE. THERE IS HOPE OUT THERE. IF YOU WANT A BIBLE YOU CAN FILL OUT THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE AND WE'LL SEND YOU ONE FOR FREE.

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